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Letter dated 8 November 2002 from the representatives of China, France and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Please find herewith a joint statement of the Governments of China, France and the Russian Federation relating to Security Council resolution 1441 (2002) concerning Iraq (see annex).

We should be grateful if you could circulate this joint statement as a document of the Security Council.

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Joint statement by the People's Republic of China, France and the Russian Federation

Resolution 1441 (2002) adopted today by the Security Council excludes any automaticity in the use of force. In this regard, we register with satisfaction the declarations of the representatives of the United States and the United Kingdom confirming this understanding in their explanations of vote, and assuring that the goal of the resolution is the full implementation of the existing Security Council resolutions on disarmament of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. All Security Council members share this goal.

In case of failure by Iraq to comply with its obligations, the provisions of paragraphs 4, 11 and 12 will apply. Such failure will be reported to the Security Council by the Executive Chairman of UNMOVIC or by the Director General of IAEA. It will be then for the Council to take a position on the basis of that report.

Therefore, the resolution fully respects the competences of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations.